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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to computation of the filing fee for the concurrently filed application identified above, please amend the application as follows:

## In the claims:

Please substitute the following claims  $\cancel{A}$ . 5.6 and 8-12 for the like-numbered claims in the concurrently filed application. A clean copy of these claims is attached as an appendix to this amendment.

- 5. An optical coupling system according to claim 2 [or 4], wherein said total coupling loss is not larger than 0.05 dB.
- 6. An optical coupling system according to Claim 1 [or 3], wherein said light source and said light-receiving unit are constituted by end surfaces of optical fibers which are equal in mode field diameter to each other.